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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 12, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Response and Amendment. Please amend the claims of the subject application as indicated herein.

Applicants believe that no fees or extensions of time are required in association with this submission. However, if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference HMV-038.02.